

IN THE CLAIMS:

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~~Claims~~ What is claimed is:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

9. (new) Fireblocking device for continuously preventing in a flame impact period the transfer of flames from a flame front through ventilating apertures and passages, in openings for thermal fire ventilation, in ventilation ducts, in process plants and in vented facade exteriors, comprising:

at least one permeable flame blocking and heat absorbing and heat accumulating grille body which stops flames during instantaneous and constant flame impact, and

at least one permeable element incorporating an intumescent material, for permanent fire stopping.

10. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 9, wherein the grille body is three-dimensional.

11. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 10, wherein the grille body is rectangular in cross-section.

12. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 10, wherein the grille body contains metal pipes filled with liquid, minerals or mixtures thereof.

13. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 10, wherein the grille body comprises honeycomb-patterned sheet-metal.

14. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 9, wherein the grille body and the permeable element are arranged in a frame.

15. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 14, wherein an insulating material is provided between the grille body and the permeable element to serve as a thermal break.

16. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 9,

wherein the grille body is positioned downstream of the permeable element containing intumescent material, the permeable element being positioned towards the flame front.

17. (new) Fireblocking device according to claim 9, in a form of a fire blanket or curtain.